

The conquering foe they soon assail'd,  
First Trulla *flaw'd*, and Cerdon tail'd.  
STAVES. *n. f.* The plural of *staff*.  
All in strange manner arm'd,  
Some rustick knives, some *staves* in fire warm'd. *Fairy Qu.*  
They tie teafils up in bundles or *staves*, *Mortimer's Husband.*  
STAVESACRE. *n. f.* Larkspur. A plant.  
TO STAY. *v. n.* [*stae*, Dutch.]  
1. To continue in a place; to forbear departure.  
Macbeth, we *stay* upon your leisure. *Shakespeare; Macbeth.*  
If the do bid me pack, I'll give her thanks,  
As though the bid me *stay* by her a week. *Shakespeare.*  
Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye  
*stay* for them from having husbands? *Ruth i. 13.*  
Not after resurrection shall he *stay*  
Longer on earth than certain times t'appear.  
He did ordain that as many might depart as would; but as  
many as would *stay* should have very good means to live from  
the state. *Bacon.*  
They flock'd in such multitudes, that they not only *stayed*  
for their reform, but discharged divers.  
Th' injur'd sea, which from her wonted place,  
To gain some acres, avarice did force,  
If the new banks neglected once decay,  
No longer will from her old channel *stay*. *Waller.*  
*Stay*, I command you, *stay* and hear me first. *Dryden.*  
Nor must he *stay* at home, because he must be back again  
by one and twenty. The father cannot *stay* any longer. *Locke.*  
Every plant has its atmosphere, which hath various effects  
on those who *stay* near them. *Arbutnot on Aliments.*  
Servants sent on messages *stay* out longer than the message  
requires. *Swift.*

2. To continue in a state.  
The flames augment, and *stay*  
At their full height, then languish to decay. *Dryden.*  
3. To wait; to attend.  
I'll tell thee my whole device  
When I am in my coach, which *stays* for us. *Shakespeare.*  
We for his royal presence only *stay*. *Dryden.*  
To end the rites.  
I *stay* for Turnus, whose devoted head  
Is owing to the living and the dead;  
My son and I expect it from his hand. *Dryden.*  
4. To stop; to stand still.  
When she lift pour out her larger spright,  
She would command the hasty sun to *stay*,  
Or backward turn his course. *Fairy Queen.*  
Perkin Warbeck, finding that when matters once go down  
the hill, they *stay* not without a new force, relolved to try  
some exploit upon England. *Bacon.*  
Satan  
Throws his sleep flight in many an airy wheel,  
Nor *stays* till on Niphates' top he lights. *Milton.*  
5. To dwell; to be long.  
Not will I *stay*  
On Amphix, or what deaths he dealt that day. *Dryden.*  
I must *stay* a little on one action, which preferred the re-  
lief of others to the consideration of yourself. *Dryden.*  
6. To rest confidently.  
Because ye trust in oppression, and *stay* thereon, this shall  
be as a breach ready to fall. *Ia. xxx. 12.*  
They call themselves of the holy city, and *stay* themselves  
upon God. *Isa. xlviii. 2.*

TO STAY. *v. a.*  
1. To stop; to withhold; to repress.  
All that may *stay* their minds from thinking that true which  
they heartily wish were false, but cannot think it so without  
some scruple. *Hooker.*  
The Syrens sang to allure them into danger; but Orpheus  
sang so well that he *staid* them. *Raleigh's History of the World.*  
He took nothing but a bit of bread to *stay* his stomach. *Locke.*  
To *stay* these sudden gusts of passion  
That hurry you from reason, rest assur'd  
The secret of your love lives with me only. *Rave.*  
*Stay* her stomach with these half hundred plays, till I can  
procure her a romance big enough to satisfy her great soul with  
adventures. *Pope.*  
Why cease we then the wrath of heaven to *stay*?  
Be humbled all. *Pope.*

2. To delay; to obstruct; to hinder from progression.  
The joyous time will not be *stay'd*  
Unless the do him by the forelock take. *Spenser.*  
Your ships are *staid* at Venice. *Shakespeare.*  
Unto the shore, with tears, with sighs, with moan,  
They him conduct; cursing the bounds that *stay*.  
I will bring thee where no shadow *stays*.  
Thy coming, and thy fast embraces. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*  
I was willing to *stay* my reader on an argument that appears  
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So long a *stay* will make  
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What pleasure hop it thou in my *stay*.  
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When the wine sparkles,  
Make haste, and leave thy business and thy care,  
No mortal interest can be worth thy *stay*. *Dryden.*  
2. Stand; cessation of progression.  
Bones, after full growth, continue at a *stay*; teeth stand at  
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vance or decline. *Heyward.*  
Made of sphere-metal, never to decay,  
Until his revolution was at *stay*. *Milton.*  
Almighty crowd! thou shorten'st all dispute;  
Nor faith nor reason make thee at a *stay*. *Dryden's Medea.*  
Thou leapt'st o'er all.  
3. A stop; an obstruction; a hindrance from progress.  
His fell heart thought long that little way,  
Griev'd with each step, tormented with each *stay*. *Fairfax.*  
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Many just and temperate provisos, well shew'd and forc-  
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With prudent *stay* he long deserr'd  
The rough contention. *Philips.*  
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Who have before, or shall write after thee,  
Their works though toughly labour'd will be  
Like infancy or age to man's firm *stay*,  
Or early and late twilights to mid-day. *Dennis.*  
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Whither shall I betake me?—where subside?  
Trees serve as so many *stays* for thy vines, which hang  
like garlands from tree to tree. *Addison's Remarks on Italy.*  
7. Tackling. [*See STAYS.*]  
With *stays* and cordage last he rig'd a ship,  
And roll'd on levers, launch'd her in the deep. *Pope.*  
8. [*In the plural.*] Boddice.  
No stubborn *stay* her yielding shape embrace. *Gay.*  
6. Steadiness of conduct.  
STAYED. *part. adv.* [*from stay*.]  
1. Fixed; settled; serious; not volatile.  
For her son,  
In her own hand the crown she kept in store, *Fa. Quen.*  
Till riper years he taught, and stronger *stays*.  
Whatever is above these proceedeth of shortness of me-  
mory, or of want of a *stayed* and equal attention. *Bacon.*  
He was well *stayed*, and in his gate. *Hudibras.*  
Preserv'd a grave majestic state.  
A *stayed* man and wife are seldom so indolent as not to find  
consolation in each other. *Pope.*  
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